

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 120
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kristen Clary on being named Lincoln Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Clary of Lincoln Elementary School is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Clary has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for her school, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Clary earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from East Tennessee State University (ETSU), and she has completed graduate work at ETSU, Carson-Newman College, and Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as a fourth grade teacher with LHES staff for thirty-two years and, in addition, has served as Extended School Program and summer program site coordinator, adjunct teacher, and Talented and Gifted teacher at Walter State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Clary is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential; her students and their families consider themselves tremendously blessed by their association with her; and

WHEREAS, a true leader in her profession, she has served as a presenter for Total Quality Management training, Focused Learning, and ISEE_U Camera Eye. She is a Title I co-coordinator and is creator of the school's Discovery Zone; and

WHEREAS, she is also an active and invaluable member of her community; her community involvement include's ALPS, Project Graduation, and the Theater Guild of Morristown; she also has served the next generation of educators as a resident teacher for student teachers and practicum students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clary has taken great care to contribute to the betterment of her students' lives in ways that extend beyond her classroom's doors; she presented Storytelling in the Classroom for Lakeway Reading Council and has spun her tales at Mountain Makins' and Celebrating Literacy. She also developed a storytelling club and taught the art of storytelling; and

WHEREAS, she truly serves as an inspiration to her family, friends, peers, and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate enough to know her; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Clary epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kristen Clary on being chosen as Teacher of the Year for Lincoln Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.